GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AUCTION OF COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite problems in auction of coal blocks due to directives of two High Courts of the country the Government has found 136 applications proper out of 176 applications received at present for auction of the remaining 21 coal blocks in the first phase;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether only the top 50 per cent of the qualifying bidders will now go into the next round of bidding;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to auction more coal blocks in the second phase and the auction process of second phase is likely to be completed by 31st March, 2015;

(f) if so, whether the Government proposes to execute the allotment process of various coal blocks in the country and start production of coal in the said coal blocks at the earliest;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the names of the said coal blocks and the State/UT-wise details of the proposed coal blocks in which the coal production is proposed to be started on priority basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)& (b) : A total of 176 online technical bids were received out of which 134 bids were found technically qualified except for Gotitoria (East & West) coal mine for which list of technically qualified bidders was not declared. However in pursuance to the order of Hon'ble High Courts, 12 bids of 4 bidders were additionally qualified. Details of bids received for 20 coal mines is as under :-

S. No.	Name of the coal block/mine	Number of technically qualified bids
1	Amelia (North)	10
2	Ardhagram	06
3	Belgaon	04
4	Bicharpur	11
5	Chotia	10
6	Gare Palma IV/1	11
7-8	Gare Palma IV/2 & IV/3	11
9	Gare Palma IV /4	11
10	Gare Palma IV/5	08
11	Gare Palma IV/7	13
12	Kathautia	08
13	Mandla North	07
14	MarkiMangli I	02
15	MarkiMangli III	04
16	Sarisatolli	05
17	SialGhoghri	03
18	Talabira-I	05
19	Tokisud North	10
20	Trans Damodar	07
	Total	146

In case of Parbatpur Central coal mine only one bid was received and thus technical evaluation was not carried out.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The Financial Bid comprises of (i) the Initial Price Offer; and (ii) the Final Price Offer. The Bidders who meet all the eligibility conditions {the Technically Qualified Bidders (TQB)} shall be ranked on the basis of the descending Initial Price Offer for Non Regulated Sector and ascending Initial Price Offer for Power Sector submitted by each TQB. On the basis of such ranking, the TQB

holding first fifty per cent of the ranks or five TQB, whichever is higher, are considered to be the qualified for participating in the e-auction provided however in the event the number of TQB is between three and five, then each of the TQB is considered to be the Qualified Bidders.

(e) to (g) : Yes, Sir. The second phase of e-auction for 23 coal mines has already commenced with publication of Notice Inviting Tender on 07-01-2015. E-auction has started from 04-03-2015. For allotment of 43 coal mines to Government Companies, Notice Inviting Applications was published on 18-02-2015.

(h) :Auction/allotment of Schedule-II coal mines of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 which were producing ones and shall stand de-allocated with effect from 31-03-2015, are top priority. A list of Schedule-II coal mines is at Annexure.